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Applicant: Y. Yamada et al. : Art Unit: 1725
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DISCHARGE MICROMACHINING :

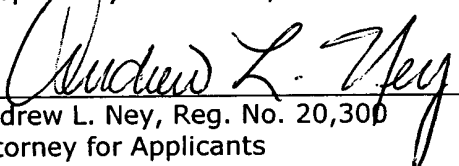
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement dated March 25, 2003,
Applicants elect to prosecute Species I, claims 27-40, drawn to an electro
discharge machining apparatus with a control unit for controlling switching timing
of a switching element according to the duration of the discharges or short
circuits without traverse.

Respectfully Submitted,


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